

By Senator Aronberg

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
urging Congress to increase federal funding for home  
health services for the elderly.

WHEREAS, federal financial assistance is provided for  
nursing home care under the Medicaid program for elderly  
patients, and

WHEREAS, studies document improved outcomes and better  
quality of care and life for elderly patients who are furnished  
health care in the patients' homes in contrast to nursing homes,  
and

WHEREAS, there are only a few programs under which federal  
financial assistance is provided for home health services for  
elderly patients, and

WHEREAS, the federal financial assistance that is available  
for home health services is insufficient to support 24-hour care  
for elderly patients, and

WHEREAS, a home health agency may hire home health aides  
but not require any structured education or training for such  
aides, and

WHEREAS, an individual may take the examination to be  
certified as a nurse assistant without any formal education and  
training, and

WHEREAS, there is little or no supervision of caregivers  
placed in the home of an elderly patient to care for the  
patient, and

WHEREAS, home health services benefit not only people who  
are parents and grandparents but also their children and

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30 grandchildren, NOW, THEREFORE,

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32 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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34 That the Congress of the United States is urged to:

35 (1) Increase federal financial assistance for home health  
36 services for elderly patients when it is determined that a  
37 patient is in need of such services; and

38 (2) Establish federal guideline requirements for students  
39 and schools that train certified nurse assistants and home  
40 health aides.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
42 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
43 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
44 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
45 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.